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SUBJECT: POLISH AGREEMENTS: OUTCOME STILL UNCERTAIN

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BEGIN SUMMARY: DESPITE ASSURANCES CONTAINED IN
GENSCHER'S LETTER TO THE POLISH FOREIGN MINISTER WHICH
WAS PROVIDED TO THE BUNDESRAT FOREIGN RELATIONS COM-
MITTEE, FIVE CDU/CSU LAENDER (INCLUDING LOWER SAXONY)
VOTED AGAINST RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF THE PENSION
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AGREEMENT WHEN IT COMES BEFORE THE BUNDESRAT FOR A VOTE

ON MARCH 12. THE SAARLAND ABSTAINED. THE POSSIBILITY STILL EXISTS, HOWEVER, THAT THE SAARLAND AND LOWER SAXONY WILL VOTE FOR THE AGREEMENT ON MARCH 12. END SUMMARY.

1. AFTER A FOUR-AND-HALF-HOUR MEETING OF BUNDESRAT FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, THE VOTE WAS FIVE CDU/CSU LAENDER AGAINST RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF THE PENSION AGREEMENT TO THE BUNDESRAT, FIVE SPD/FDP LAENDER FOR RECOMMENDING APPROVAL, AND THE CDU/CSU-GOVERNED SAARLAND ABSTAINED. IF THE CDU/CSU LAENDER VOTE THE SAME WAY ON MARCH 12, THE AGREEMENT WILL NOT PASS. HOWEVER, A SOURCE IN CDU HEADQUARTERS TOLD US THAT TODAY'S VOTE DID NOT NECESSARILY REPRESENT THE FINAL RESULT AND IT REMAINED POSSIBLE THAT BOTH THE SAARLAND AND LOWER SAXONY WOULD VOTE FOR THE AGREEMENT ON MARCH 12.

2. BEFORE THE VOTE GENSCHER HAD ASSURED THE BUNDESRAT FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE MARCH 10 THAT THE POLISH AGREEMENTS WOULD NOT COME INTO FORCE UNTIL THE POLISH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALLY ACCEPTED THE INTERPRETATION OF THE AGREEMENT CONTAINED IN A LETTER HE HAD WRITTEN TO POLISH FOREIGN MINISTER OLSZOWSKI.

3. REFERRING TO THE EMIGRATION POSSIBILITIES FOR ETHNIC GERMANS BEYOND THE 125,000 FIGURE, GENSCHER WROTE "NO TIME LIMIT IS ENVISIONED FOR THE SUBMISSION AND EXPEDITIOUS PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS BY PERSONS WHO MEET THE CRITERIA" (CONTAINED IN THE 1970 AGREEMENT) "WHICH MEANS THAT ALSO IN THESE CASES PERMISSION CAN BE GRANTED TO EMIGRATE UNDER THE REFERENCED PROCEDURES." GENSCHER ALSO STATED THAT THE POLISH AGREEMENTS WOULD IN NO WAY BE A PRECEDENT FOR SETTLEMENTS WITH OTHER NATIONS.

4. IT APPEARS THAT THE FATE OF THE POLISH AGREEMENTS WILL REMAIN A CLIFF-HANGER UNTIL THE VERY END.

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